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**William (Bill) J. Lyons, Jr., Secretary**

May 9, 2002

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

On May 7, 2002, the Department received a petition from the California Dairy Campaign requesting a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Class 4a and 4b pricing formulas.

Those wishing to receive a copy of the petition may contact the Dairy Marketing Branch at the telephone number or email address above. The petition is also downloadable from the Department's Website at [www.cdfa.ca.gov/Dairy](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Dairy). From that site, select "Public Hearings" and then "Petitions Received by the Department".

State regulations provide that, within fifteen days of the receipt of a petition, the Department must either schedule the matter for public hearing or deny the petition in writing. If denied, the Department must indicate why the Secretary has reached such a decision on the merits of the petition.

The Department will carefully weigh the merits of the petition and will announce, no later than May 22, 2002, whether or not a hearing is granted.

Should you have any questions regarding this petition or the hearing process, please contact Tom Gossard or Eric Erba in the Dairy Marketing Branch.

Sincerely,

***Original Signed by:***

David K. Ikari, Chief  
Dairy Marketing Branch